Rumor Mutilated Belgian

lev. J. J. Stillemans, director of the Belgian Relief Bureau, yesterday, "for the sake of being able to declare them erroneous and to claim victorious-ly, though illogically, that all other Teutons Renew

Children Are in U. S. Started
That It May Be Refuted
"I believe that the rumors as to mutilated Belgian children being in this country are started and circulated by the Germans themselves," said the

TODAY

at Manager's

the Christmas Store

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Linens just out of bonded warehouse. Linens in some cases less than today's wholesale prices. Linens of fresh, fine, beautiful quality.

2,000 yards fine damask, \$1.50 yard

The manufacturer's wholesale price—if he had any of this damask, and he hasn't—would be \$2 yard. 70 inches wide, heavy, smooth satin-like finish.

500 dozen matching Napkins

22 inches square, \$4 dozen. Two yards of the damask will make a tablecloth for \$3. The napkins added at \$4 will make a complete set at \$7. Packed in a Christmas box.

400 Tablecloths, \$4.25 and \$5.50

The wholesale price today is \$5.75 Irish double damask cloths with circular patterns, some arranged for round or square tables. Matching napkins, 22 inches square, \$4.75; the maker's wholesale price is \$6.

400 Odd Tablecloths, \$3.75 to \$30 The old low prices were \$5 to \$30

1,000 dozen Madeira Doilies, 121/2c each

Standard 20c grade, 6 inch doilies hand scalloped and with hand

Madeira Luncheon Sets, \$3.25, were \$5 Fine linen 13 piece sets with embroidery and scallop.

150 Luncheon Sets, \$2.75, were \$4.50

Fine linen sets of 13 pieces with the difficult rose scallop, beau tifully done by hand. Third Gallery, New Building.

And—\$5,000 of Decorated China Plates for \$2,900

English Service Plates \$90 dozen, (were \$150) \$75 dozen, (were \$125) \$60 dozen, (were \$100) \$40 dozen, (were \$75)

\$22.50 dozen, (were \$45) \$15 dozen, (were \$30)

French Service Plates

\$65 dozen, (were \$100) \$55 dozen, (were \$90) \$50 dozen, (were \$85) \$40 dozen, (were \$70) \$27.50 dozen, (were \$42.50) \$12 dozen, (were \$22) \$10 dozen, (were \$18)

Also salad, fruit and bread and butter plates at similar reductions

Second Gallery, New Building.

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Real Filet Collars, \$2.50

\$3.75 grades-real filet-real hand made lace, and about the cost of an imitation filet collar.

\$1.50 Satin Gypsy Collars-\$1

Dainty satin tie collars that are equally pretty on blouses or

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-The John Manager store-

The Great War-1234th Day

Italian Assault Despite Losses

Floating Fortresses Aid In Holding Foe From Venice

Austrians Storm Several Great Monitors, With Lines of Stationary Batteries and Efforts of Foe to Gain In-Muddy Trenches Filled With Men, Mark Miles of Positions South of Inundated Plain-Balk Germans at the Piave Col Caprille

Alpini Bar the Way

Powerful Forces of Defenders Ready to Contest Every Inch of Ground

tion their efforts to smash through the Italian resistance on Col Caprille, between the Brenta and Piave rivers, the Austrians took by storm several enemy positions to the south of that height, the Perlin War Office reports

nces on the Asiago Plateau and along e lower Piave, though there is no in-cation that there is immediate danger the enemy breaking through to the

Alpini bar the way to the plains, prepared to exact a heavy toll for every
inch of ground wrested from them.

Already the losses by which the
Austro-Germans have paid for their
proportionately slender gains have
been terrific, and if continued for
plany days must begin to eat into the
right divisions of reserves behind the
ghting line. While Germany has been
ible to release thousands of fresh
roops from the Russian front recently,
he can ill affect the plains, proskilled engineers have ferreted out
every bit of solid mainland in the vast
swampy area north of Venice, where
batteries, large and small, according to
the distance from the Austrian lines,
have been established. They never
relax their vigilance in watching for
the enemy. The same engineers have
cut away the dikes that formerly controlled the water to irrigate the fertile
line. roops from the Russian front recently, he can ill afford to suffer heavy casu-lties on the Italian front at a time hen Hindeaburg is preparing to how all his strength into a crushing low against France.

Austrians Need Men, Too

The Austrians still less can stand such big losses as they have sustained in the last week of fighting, as Aus-trian man power now is down to a little 1,200,000 men, a few hundred thousand of whom will be needed by Hin-denburg if he hopes to carry out his extensively advertised campaign in the West before America's weight is thrown

frem now on the Italians and their allies will be exposed to the most deadly
artillery fire of the whole offensive, as
the Teutons have finally got into line
their heaviest guns. Parts of the
French section of the line were exposed Friday to the most severe bombardment they had experienced since
they took their place beside the Italians. The mammoth German cannon
and trench mortars threw tons of high
explosives miles beyond the Piave,
bombarding one town, Crocetta, with
400 shells of large calibre.

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Teutons Take Mt. Caprille, Dominating Head of Pass; Deaths Among Italians Inflict Big Losses

(By The Associated Press)
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ITALIAN
ARMY IN NORTHERN ITALY, Saturday, Dec. 15.—After a heavy sacrifice
of men and five days of continuous fighting, the enemy has succeeded in making another slight advance, bringing his position up to Caprille Hill, just east of the Brenta River. This ing his position ap to Caprille Hill, just east of the Brenta River. This is represents an advance of about three quarters of a mile, its chief importance being that Caprille is one of the dominating heights at the head of San Lorenzo Valley, leading southward to the plains toward which the enemy is persistently exerting all his pressure. As his chief effort the previous week was to gain command of the passes west of the Brenta River, so all his attention in the past week has been given to the passes on the east bank. The fighting during the past five days has been heavy and at times desperate for control of strategic positions.

The struggle yesterday and to-day took on a double aspect, with the Italians attacking on the right of Mount Pertica, occupied by the enemy, while the Austrians concentrated their attacks on the left, around Mount Beretta and its neighboring hill. Caprille the Alpinis again distinguished themselves in charges up the slopes of Pertica in an effort to redeem the hill, but, while all reports agree that heaps of enemy dead marked the course of the Alpini again distinguished themselves in charges up the slopes of Pertica in an effort to redeem the hill, but, while all reports agree that heaps of enemy dead marked the course of the Alpini again distinguished themselves in charges up the slopes of Pertica in an effort to redeem the hill, but, while all reports agree that heaps of enemy dead marked the course of the Alpini again distinguished themselves in charges up the slopes of Pertica in an effort to redeem the hill, but, while all reports agree that heaps of enemy dead marked the course of the Alpini again distinguished themselves in charges up the slopes of Pertica in an effort to redeem the hill, but, while all reports agree that heaps of enemy dead marked the course of the Alpinia provided themselves in charges up the slopes of Pertica in an effort to redeem the hill, but, while all reports agree that heaps of enemy dead marked the course of the Alpinia provided themselves in charges a

Austrian attacks on the left were Austrian attacks on the left were twice repulsed, but late yesterday, with a large addition of fresh troops, the Austrians gotto the summit of Caprille, while the Italian lines were correspondingly drawn back. Although Caprille is at the head of San Lorenzo Valley, the passage along this valley is controlled by the heights on both sides held by the Italians.

Defeated Attempt to Bridge River

unable to reach it, but from which

Main Body Unable to Cross

ON THE LOWER PIAVE RIVER, behind as the boat worked its way into LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Crow ON THE LOWER PIAVE RIVER, NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 15.—Count-less square miles of desolate marsh-less islands by sluggish lagoons and land inundated to the depth of several feet, line after line of stationary bat-

The character of the warfare all along the lower Piave line, and particularly the methods employed to defend the "Queen of the Seas" from the Austro-German invasion, undoubtedly are unique even in this war of novel-Nature has placed a barrier in the path of the invader apparently These new successes of the invaders are rendered the Italian lines east of mountains which the enemy has fought his way across, and these natural obcles have been fortified as probably ho other place in Europe

Floating Fortresses

of the enemy breaking through to the plains. Caprille Hill is a dominating height at the head of the San Lorenzo Valley, which leads directly to the Venetian lowlands.

Alpini Bar Way to Below

By massing men in overpowering numbers, von Below has been able to extend his front in this region a considerable distance, but in the San Lorenzo Valley and along the slopes on either side of it, powerful forces of Alpini bar the way to the plains, principle of the way to the principle of the way to the plains, principle of the way to the principle of the way to the plains, principle of the way to the principle of the way to the plains, principle of the way to the principle of the way to the plains, principle of the way to the principle of the way to the way to the principle of the way to the principle of the way to t cut away the dikes that formerly con-trolled the water to irrigate the fertile Italian plains, creating a wast lake. The inundation has made a thousand

peasants shomeless, but it presents an almost insurmountable barrier to the Austrian artillery from its scores of rantage points and frustrates every attempt of the Austrians to steal across unnoticed. Finally, in addition to the foremost infantry lines in the inun-dated section, big and little batteries are scattered everywhere and floating monitors constantly are on patrol.

Foe Unable to Bombard Venice Thus far the enemy has been pre-ented from bringing his big guns up a position from which he might

The trip through the defence system of Venice and along the lower Piave which the correspondent, though accredited only to the French armies, was

Our Troops Abroad

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—General Pershing reported the following deaths from natural causes:

from natural causes:
WOLFE, Herbert J., bugler, headquarters troops, December 11, scarlet fever, septicæmia; father, Morris Wolfe, Roxbury, Mass.
MINKLER, Clarence M., private, field hospital, December 11, scarlet fever, nephritis, acute; next of kin, Ira B., Minkler, Proctor, Vt.
SCHENKMAN George, private in.

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Shatter "Pill Boxes"

Isolated Forts Like Those of the Germans Constructed

U. S. Forces Learn to

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN
FRANCE, Dec. 16.—Intensive training in the science of attacking "pill boxes" has begun at one of the largest training grounds. Numerous concrete structures identical with those used by the Germans have been erected, and the troops are being taught how the British take them.

The system of attack involves automatic rifle fire from a number of points into the slots, a sufficient number of rifles being used from various points to assure a continuous stream of bullets entering every slot from each direction from which the "pill Alane and the Oise rivers there was great alane not be night a hostile of the cambral.

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points into the sole, a sud from various and had a studio in New York City when he enlisted as a cavalryman. His father, Morris Wolf, is a police in spector in Boston.

Says Whimpering Over War Will Be Silenced

Fretting Gladdens German Hearts, Newspaper Man

Tells Bronx Audience

Louis Wiley, business manager of "The New York Times," enumerated some of the achievements of the United States since entering the war yesterday in The Bronx Open Forum, in Morris High School, 165th Street and Boston Road, and expressed the opinion that sedition and "whimperers" would be silenced.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The former to that sedition and sea force of the United States now exceeds 2,000,000 men, in the side of the si

Dutch Minister Colijn suggests in an article appearing in "Stemmen des Tijds," a magazine of standing in the Netheriands, that the Dutch Government prevent American relief work in Belgium if this country does not permit the exportation of foodstuffs to the Netherlands. The article reads as follows:

French Shatter German Thrusts In Champagne

formation Prove Unsuccessful

teries of guns of from three to fifteen inches in calibre and deep, muddy trenches filled with men determined that the enemy shall not advance any further—such are the impressive and spot the night before.

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It had successfully thrown shells to
the Piave River, and many times had
defeated the efforts of the Austrians to
complete a pontoon bridge to the southern shore. In case enemy airplanes
were seen during the day the monitor
was prepared to slip it cables at nightfail and steam away to some other
spot where the Austrian shells would
be unable to reach it, but from which ject in all these total operations is the gathering of information is further revealed by the stress laid in Luden-

dorf's communiques upon the number of prisoners taken.

Mesawhile, patrol engagements took place on the Cambrai and Ypfes fronts, by means of which the British succeeded in bettering their positions east of Ovion, and the Germans near Poezelbeck Cartle, east of Ypres. British The monitor was but the first of a series. Others with lighter guns and lighter draft were lying in reserve, ready at a moment's notice to slip through the winding channels to some point nearer to the enemy and from there direct an unexpected fire on his positions.

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Soldiers Demand Closer Confinement for Ex-Czar

LONDON, Dec. 16 .- A dispatch from Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says that on Saturday, at about the same time as it was reported that former Emperor Nicholas had escaped, a meet-Emperor Nicholas had escaped, a meeting of the Ismailovsky and Petrogradsky regiments was passing a resolution demanding the immediate removal of the former ruler "with Alice and family" to Kronstadt or to the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress for strict confinement.

The meetings of almost all units of

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The press boat ploughed through seemingly endless mazes of canals, meeting with more monitors and new and cunningly located batteries, which as the afternoon approached, began to get into activity, especially against aliphanes that were circling about. The guns here made even those on the same and stationary of the press boat ploughed through as the afternoon approached, began to get into activity, especially against. The guns here made even those on the same and stationary of the constituent Assembly from Taurida to the Constitu

meeting with more monitors and new and cunningly located batteries, which as the afternoon approached, began to get into activity, especially against airplanes that were circling about. The guns here made even those on the biggest monitors look like playthings. To make the trip complete the correspondents were treated to a glimpse of the British monitors, which were in operation in unison with those of the the Constituent Assembly from Taurida Palace by armed sailors attempts to meet there have been abandoned. The

Bolsheviki Red Guards broke up a meeting for the defence of the Con-stituent Assembly and made forty ar-rests. Uproarious scenes in the peas-ants' congress have followed clashes between the supporters and opponents of the Constituent Assembly,

The destruction of wine stores in Petrograd continues, accompanied by orgies and shooting.

Official Statements

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BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 16 (DAY)—We captured a few prisoners and a machine gun during the night in patrol encounters south of

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First Wounded American on Way Home to Mother

Had Both Legs Cut Off in Hospital Raid

The first American soldier wounded France, Aubrey McLeod, of Boston, on his way home, happy in the a thought of returning to his mother's

Christian Association in twenty-six of Langemarck, in Belgium, a local the British War Office.

French fliers were active again yesterday, bringing to earth five hostile relative in addition to three accounted for in the two preceding days.

Christian Association in twenty-six cantonments, contains an interview with McLeod. He counts himself lucky that he wasn't born a Frenchman, an for in the two preceding days.

Saw He Was Wounded

"I had been on guard." he said, in brisk, matter-of-fact tones. "Somebody relieved me, and I lay down for some sleep. I heard a commotion and jumped to my feet. Two bombs went off, and I knew it was an air raid. Then a third expleded very near me. Another man in my unit began yelling 'Help me!' and I saw that he was wounded. Then I looked down and saw that my right leg was cut almost in two. I didn't feel a bit of pain, but I began yelling, too, just like the other fellow was doing. I remember the colonel ran in and held me up until two men came with a stretcher.

"Next thing I knew was when I woke up the following day. I remembered about my right leg dangling as if ready to drop off. I reached down and found that it was gone. Then I reached for my left leg. It was gone, too.

Argued with Nurse relieved me, and I lay down for some

Argued with Nurse

"I called for my nurse, and I remember that I had a long argument with her before I sank off to sleep again. I told her that she had promised they wouldn't amputate my leg, and here they had amputated both of them. There was no heart-breaking realization that I was a cripple for life. I was too full of mornhine for that

tion that I was a cripple for life. I was
too full of morphine for that.

"And now I'm going home. I want
the kind of food my mother knows how
to cook. When they get me pretty well
patched up I'm going to find something
else I can do for the government. I
don't know what it will be, but I've got
two good arms and I know something
will turn up."

Four More Villages Taken by British In Palestine Drive

pushed forward their line to a depth of a mile and a half yesterday, on a five-mile front between the Holy City and Jaffa, its port. Four villages and the ridge overlocking the town of El Tirch were occupied, the British commander reported to-night.

The statement says:

"General Allenby reports that on December 15 his left centre, northeast of Ludd (25 miles northwest of Jerusalem), advanced on a five-mile front to a maximum depth of about one and one-half miles, without meeting much to amaximum depth of about one and opposition. Kissiah, Khibanneh, Khel, Bornat and the ridge overlooking El Tirch were occupied.

"Our airplanes dropped fifty-six bombs on motorboats and sheds and on troops at the mouth of the Jordan with good effect, obtaining twenty-four hits."

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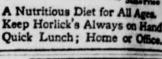


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Allenby Extends Line Mile and Half Between Jerusalem and Jaffa

LONDON, Dec. 16.—General Allenby's troops in Palestine, continuing their operations against the shattered Turkish forces northwest of Jerusalem, pushed forward their line to a depth of a mile and a half vesterday, on a